In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 5, 12, and 13 as follows:

1. (Once Amended) A golf ball comprising:

a core;

an inner cover layer molded on said core, the inner cover layer comprising a high acid ionomer including at least 16% by weight of an alpha, beta-unsaturated carboxylic acid; and

an outer cover layer molded on said inner cover layer, said outer cover layer comprising a relatively soft polymeric [material selected from the group consisting of] low flexural modulus ionomer resin[s and non-ionomeric thermoplastic elastomers].

5. (Once Amended) A golf ball according to claim 1 wherein the inner cover layer has a thickness of about 0.0375 [0.300] inches and the outer cover layer has a thickness of about 0.030 [0.375] inches, the golf ball having an overall diameter of 1.680 inches or more.

12. (Once Amended) A multi-layer golf ball comprising:

a spherical core;

an inner cover layer molded over said spherical core, said inner cover layer comprising an ionomeric resin including at least 16% by weight of an alpha, beta-unsaturated carboxylic acid and having a modulus of from about 15,000 to about 70,000 psi;

an ionomeric outer cover layer molded over said spherical intermediate ball to form a multi-layer golf ball, the outer layer comprising a blend of i) a sodium or zinc salt of a copolymer having from 2 to 8 carbon atoms and an unsaturated monocarboxylic acid having from 3 to 8 carbon atoms, and ii) a sodium or zinc salt of a terpolymer of an olefin having 2 to 8 carbon atoms, acrylic acid and an unsaturated monomer of the acrylate ester class having from 1 to 21 carbon atoms, said outer cover layer having a modulus in a range of about 1,000 to about 30,000 psi.

13. (Once Amended) A multi-layer golf ball comprising;

a spherical core;

an inner cover layer molded over said spherical core to form a spherical intermediate ball, said inner cover layer comprising an ionomeric resin including about 17% to about 25% by weight of an alpha, beta-unsaturated carboxylic acid and having a modulus of from about 15,000 to about 70,000 psi;

an outer cover layer molded over said spherical intermediate ball to form a multi-layer golf ball, the outer layer comprising an ionomeric material [a non-ionomeric thermoplastic selected from the group consisting of polyester elastomer, polyester polyurethane and polyester amide], said outer cover layer having a modulus in a range of about 1,000 to about 30,000 psi.

Please delete claims 9, 10, and 11, without prejudice.

Please add new claims 14-16 as follows.

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14. A golf ball according to claim 1 wherein said outer cover layer comprises a low acid ionomer having less than 16% by weight acid.

15. A golf ball according to claim 12 wherein said outer cover layer comprises a low acid ionomer having less than 16% by weight acid.

16. A golf ball according to claim 13 wherein said outer cover layer comprises a low acid ionomer having less than 16% by weight acid.
